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CONFERENCE HELD BY CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF BEFORE DEPARTURE
TAIPEI, APRIL 20:

(BEGIN TRANSCRIPT)

CONGRESSMAN WOLFF: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE NO FORMAL
STATEMENT TO MAKE. I SHOULD BE DELIGHTED TO TRY TO ANSWER
SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, LET ME SAY THAT THE
PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP HAS BEEN TO EXAMINE U.S. POSTURE IN
VARIOUS AREAS OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE HAVE A FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR A MILITARY SALES PROGRAM. WE HAVE
VISITED, IN THE COURSE OF OUR MEETING, THE COUNTRIES OF
JAPAN, INDONESIA, KOREA, THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES AND
NOW THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THIS MORNING WE HAD A VERY
FRANK DISCUSSION WITH THE PREMIER AND WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTER. THE DISCUSSION WAS ATTENDED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS
OF OUR DELEGATION, MRS. MEYNER AND MR. BIAGGI. WE HAVE
BEEN JOINTED IN THESE MEETINGS AS WELL BY OUR STAFFS.
ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH THE STAFFS
WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING US ON A SECURITY BASIS AS WELL AS ON
AN ECONOMIC BASIS. AND WE ARE GOING HOMESATISFIED WITH
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THE DISCUSSIONS WE'VE HAD AND I BELIEVE THAT WITHIN THE
NEXT TWO WEEKS THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ENGAGED IN AN
EXAMINATION OF ITS NEW FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND
WITHIN TWO WEEKS' TIME WE WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.
WE WILL HOLD ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS AT THAT POINT. WE
HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED ON THIS MISSION BY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS, MR. RICHARD HOLBROOKE.
IN ADDITION TO THAT, ONE OF OUR LIAISON PEOPLE FROM THE
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS A GROUP FROM THE NARCOTICS
COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS PART OF THE MISSION WE HAD IN THE
OTHER COUNTRIES WE VISITED. NOW I SHALL BE DELIGHTED TO
ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

QUESTION: WE WERE TOLD THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS
PROPOSING AN AMERICAN FORMULA AND ALSO YOUR GOVERNMENT
WILL PROBABLY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE HERE TO CONSULT WITH
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONCERNING ITS
NORMALIZATION WITH PEKING. WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON THAT?

WOLFF: THE QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION IS AND HAS BEEN
PROCEEDING. CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.
THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT
HAS INDICATED THAT THE NORMALIZATION PROCEDURES THAT HAVE
BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE PAST -- THAT THERE IS NO SET
FORMULA FOR THIS, NO TIME TABLE FOR THIS, AND THE SECURITY
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS A PRIME
CONSIDERATION IN ANY DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WILL HOLD. THERE
HAS BEEN NO ARRANGEMENT MADE EITHER AT THIS MEETING OR
OTHERS THAT I KNOW OF OF ANY ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THESE PROCEDURES.
HOWEVER, I ANTICIPATE IN THE COURSE OF THESE RELATIONS THAT
THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, BUT THERE IS NONE THAT
I KNOW THAT HAS BEEN SET UP AT THE PRESENT TIME.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR CONVERSATIONS
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WITH THE PREMIER?

WOLFF: YES, OUR CONVERSATIONS WERE RELATIVE TO THE
RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THESE AS I INDICATED WERE VERY FRANK
DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION. MANY
PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS AS TO WHAT NORMALIZATION
MEANS. WE DISCUSSED THE LONG STANDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT
EXISTED BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED
STATES, THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND THE UNITED STATES. AND
WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HIGH
MORAL PURPOSES WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ENUNCIATED.
AND THE PREMIER DID, NOT ONLY IN RESPONSE TO OUR BROACHING
THE SUBJECT, BUT BROACHED IT HIMSELF. THE QUESTION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND LIBERTY
GENERALLY.

QUESTION: CONGRESSMAN, WHAT IS THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE
OF PRESIDENT CARTER SENDING HIS SON, CHIP, TO VISIT MAINLAND

CHINA?

WOLFF: I'M SORRY, HIS SON? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IS, BUT I CAN TELL YOU HE IS A YOUNG MAN WHO HAS BEEN GOING ON VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. HE WENT TO... I BELIEVE IT WAS THE FUNERAL IN INDIA. HE IS A YOUNG MAN PRETTY MUCH ON HIS OWN; HOWEVER, HE IS A SON OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I DON'T ATTACH ANY POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

QUESTION: CONGRESSMAN, DO YOU THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SELL MORE ADVANCED WEAPONS TO TAIWAN, SUCH AS THE F16 FIGHTER?

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WOLFF: I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE OR PASS ANY JUDGMENT AS TO THE TYPE AND CHARACTER OF EQUIPMENT THAT SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES CONSIDER THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. WE ALSO ARE NOT LOOKING ONLY TOWARD EUROPE, BUT ARE CONTINUING OUR INTEREST IN ASIA. AND WE ARE A PACIFIC POWER; WE ARE A PACIFIC NATION. ONE OF THE STATES OF OUR NATION SITS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND WE ARE CONTINUING OUR INTEREST IN THE PACIFIC AND WILL CONTINUE OUR INTEREST IN THE PACIFIC.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU TELL ME WHY THE SALE OF THE F16 HAS BEEN DELAYED? TAIWAN HAS REQUESTED THIS PLANE AND NO ACTION HAS BEEN DONE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER -- NOT DENIED AND YET NOT PASSED?

WOLFF: WELL, IT'S OBVIOUS THE DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

QUESTION: THE DECISION TO SELL SUCH PLANES TO IRAN, FOR INSTANCE, HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCLOSED.

WOLFF: THEY WERE MADE A LONG TIME AGO. THAT DECISION WAS MADE SOME TIME AGO. THE FACT IS THAT THIS IS A CONTINUING DISCUSSION.

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QUESTION: AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT GO INTO IT, FOR TAIWAN SPECIFICALLY?

WOLFF: I BELIEVE THAT THE GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT WE HAVE ON ANY MILITARY SYSTEMS AND THE NATURE OF THE WEAPONRY THAT IS INVOLVED. WE HAVE NOT SOLD THIS ADVANCED SYSTEM TO MANY NATIONS OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPING NATIONS OF THE WORLD. ON THAT BASIS, THIS IS A CONTINUING DISCUSSION AND OBVIOUSLY WILL BE PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WILL HAVE UPON OUR RETURN.

QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IS FEAR OF OFFENDING PEKING -- TO SELL THIS HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY TO TAIWAN?

WOLFF: I DON'T THINK THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES IS WEAPONRY TO WIN WARS. IF THINK THE OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES IS TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND TO SEE TO IT THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD -- WE MAINTAIN AN EQUILIBRIUM AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD AND NOT ADD TO TENSIONS IN THE WORLD. OUR OBJECTIVE IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, AS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, IS PEACE, FREEDOM AND THE IDEA OF A GREAT CONCERN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS THAT OUR PRESIDENT ARTICULATES.

QUESTION: ARE YOU IMPLYING, SIR, THAT IF YOU SELL THE F16'S TO TAIWAN MAYBE TAIWAN WILL USE IT AS AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON AGAINST THE MAINLAND CHINA?

WOLFF: I'M NOT IMPLYING ANYTHING. I DID NOT IMPLY THAT AT ALL.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL US, HAVE YOU DELIVERED THE CYBER COMPUTERS TO MAINLAND CHINA?

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WOLFF: NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

QUESTION: WHY THE DELAY?

WOLFF: BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE CONSIDERATIONS THAT, FIRST OF ALL THAT I AM NOT AWARE OF, BUT THEY ARE CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY OUR GOVERNMENT. AND, NO DECISION'S BEEN MADE ON IT, JUST THE SAME WAY NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THE WEAPONS.

QUESTION: WE HEARD THAT MR. HOLBROOKE WAS NOT PLANNING TO COME HERE AT THE VERY BEGINNING AND IT WAS YOU WHO TALKED HIM INTO IT; TO GET HIM OVER HERE. IS THAT TRUE?

WOLFF: I WISH I HAD THAT POWER OF PERSUASION. I HAVE A VERY FINE RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. HOLBROOKE, AS I DO WITH OUR NEW SECRETARY OF STATE, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE CONGRESS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE EXECUTIVE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER TODAY.

QUESTION: I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MET WITH SOME OPPOSITION LEADERS ON THE CONVERSATION HERE.

WOLFF: HERE? NO. IN FACT WE HAVEN'T HAD VERY MUCH TIME TO DO ANYTHING ELSE BUT ARRIVE AND HAVE A FEW DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE MET WITH, AT LEAST SOME OF US HAVE MET WITH SOME OF THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS OF YOUR COUNTRY AS WELL AS WITH THE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT WE HAVE HAD NO OTHER MEETINGS OTHER THAN HAVING TIME TO SIT DOWN AND EAT AND SLEEP.

QUESTION: GOLDWATER, WHEN HE WAS HERE LAST WEEK, SAID THAT MILITARILY THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN JAPAN TO THE UNITED STATES. DO YOU SHARE HIS VIEWS?

WOLFF: WELL, THERE IS A SEPARATION OF THE SENATE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE HOUSE, AND I WOULD SAY THAT SENATOR GOLDWATER IS ENTITLED TO HIS VIEWS. I THINK THAT HERE AGAIN WE COME TO THE QUESTIONS OF THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES BEING DEPENDENT UPON OTHER NATIONS. WE ARE NOT ASKING OTHER NATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR OUR SECURITY AND WE DO NOT INTEND BY THAT SAME TOKEN TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF OTHER NATIONS. NOW SO FAR AS MR. GOLDWATER IS CONCERNED, HE HAS BEEN IN ADVANCED POSITIONS IN OTHER THINGS AS WELL; THEREFORE, I CAN'T SAY THAT HE HAS ARTICULATED MY VIEWS VERY CLOSELY MANY TIMES IN THE PAST.

QUESTION: SIR, WHAT ARE YOUR FINDINGS -- IS THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE CONTROLLED BY OTHERS THAN THE COMMUNISTS OR NOT?

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WOLFF: OH, I WOULDN'T SAY THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE -- I THINK THAT SOME PART OF THE GROWTH OF OPIUM IN BURMA IN PARTS OF THE SHAN STATES IS CONTROLLED BY BURMESE COMMUNIST CADRES AND GROUPS HERE. HOWEVER, THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE TRAFFICKING IS BEING DONE BY OTHER PEOPLE THAN THE COMMUNISTS. I AM NOT DEFENDING THAT, BUT I DO NOT WANT TO GO INTO THAT SITUATION BECAUSE THERE ARE CHARGES THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE FORMER REMNANTS OF KMT INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFIC, THERE ARE FORMER REMNANTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS; THERE ARE A VARIETY OF CHARGES THAT ARE BEING MADE. HOWEVER, I WILL SAY TO YOU, THAT AS FAR AS THE GROWING AREAS ARE CONCERNED, A PART OF THE GROWING AREAS ARE NOW COMMUNIST CONTROLLED. AND THEY ARE PART OF THE TRAFFICKING OF THE OPIUM THAT IS COMING INTO THE UNITED STATES AND INTO EUROPE. IT IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM, ONE THAT IS A GROWING PROBLEM, AND ONE THAT CONCERNS THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE WESTERN WORLD.

QUESTION: DO I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY, SIR, THAT IT IS THE COMMUNISTS WHO ARE GROWING THE OPIUM?

WOLFF: I SAID PART OF THE AREA NOW IS CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNISTS. THEIR CONTROL IS GROWING IN BURMA AND THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER MUCH OF THE GROWING AREA OF OPIUM. THEY, HOWEVER, ARE NOT THE TRAFFICKERS IN THE OPIUM. THE TRAFFICKERS ARE STILL THE PRIVATE ARMIES THAT EXIST IN THAT AREA OF THE
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WORLD WHO ARE ACTING AS PROTECTION PEOPLE AND ARE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS AT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKING IN THE AREA? IS THERE ANY INDICATION THAT ELEMENTS WITHIN TAIWAN ARE INVOLVED IN IT?

WOLFF: I DO NOT FEEL THAT ELEMENTS IN TAIWAN ARE INVOLVED. THERE HAVE BEEN CHARGES. BY THE WAY, I MIGHT SAY THAT TWO FORMER, NOT TAIWAN, BUT CHINESE GENERALS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFICKING, GENERAL LEE AND GENERAL TUAN, WHO HAVE SIZEABLE FORCES IN THE AREA. I MUST SAY THAT IN SEVERAL VISITS BACK, I SPOKE TO THE GOVERNMENT HERE AND THEY ASSURED ME THAT NO SUPPORT IS FORTHCOMING TO THESE PEOPLE AND THEY ARE ACTING ENTIRELY UPON THEIR OWN. WE HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE, NONE WHATSOEVER, OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA ACTIVITY IN THE OPIUM GROWING OR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT OTHER ELEMENTS WITHIN TAIWAN, FOR INSTANCE RETIRED HONG KONG POLICEMEN SUCH AS LUI LOK WHO IS RELATED, I BELIEVE, TO THE BIG DRUG TRAFFICKER WHO WAS ARRESTED IN AMSTERDAM A FEW MONTHS AGO.

WOLFF: I AM SURE THAT THERE ARE TRAFFICKERS HERE. WE HAVE TRAFFICKERS IN OUR COUNTRY. IF WE DID NOT HAVE TRAFFICKERS IN OUR COUNTRY, WE WOULD NOT HAVE 800,000 ADDICTS IN OUR COUNTRY. BUT I CANNOT PUT MY FINGER ON ANY INDIVIDUAL HERE.

QUESTION: SIR, THIS AN "IF" QUESTION.

WOLFF: OH, THEY ARE THE HARDEST TO ANSWER.

QUESTION: IF PRESIDENT CARTER DECIDES TO TAKE ACTION TO RECOGNIZE PEKING AND IF THE MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE OPPOSES THIS ACTION, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

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WOLFF: NOW YOU HAVE ASKED ME TWO "IF" QUESTIONS, NOT ONE. BUT TWO MAKES IT DOUBLY DIFFICULT. FIRST OF ALL, THE QUESTION-- WE SPOKE ABOUT THE QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION BEFORE. THE HOUSE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO ACTION IT CAN TAKE ON THE TREATY MAKING FUNCTIONS THAT ARE EXERCISED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE SENATE HAS THE POWER TO ACT AND TO RATIFY ANY TREATIES. WHAT THE HOUSE HAS IS VETO POWER OVER THE

COMMITMENT UNDER THE WAR POWERS ACT OF ANY TROOPS IN THE AREA OR THE INTRODUCTION OF ANY TROOPS INTO THE AREA. THE HOUSE ALSO HAS THE VETO POWER OVER THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS INTO ANY AREA, AND THE HOUSE ALSO HAS THE INITIATION OF ANY ECONOMIC FUNDS BY AUTHORIZING THESE FUNDS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO AN AREA; HOWEVER, THAT IS A QUESTION THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED SENATOR GOLDWATER.

QUESTION: YOU SAID IN YOUR REPORT MADE AFTER VISITING MAINLAND CHINA LAST YEAR THAT YOU HAD THE FEELING THAT COMMUNIST CHINA WAS ANXIOUS TO NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AT THAT TIME. DO YOU HAVE THAT SAME FEELING RIGHT NOW?

WOLFF: WELL, SINCE I SPOKE WITH THE SO-CALLED SHANGHAI GROUP, I THINK THAT THE INFORMATION THAT I HAD AT THE TIME MIGHT HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY THE HIERARCHY THAT EXISTS ON THE MAINLAND TODAY.

QUESTION: MR CONGRESSMAN, DO YOU THINK IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME FOR THE STATES TO ESTABLISH A FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNIST CHINA?

WOLFF: AS I HAD INDICATED TO YOU BEFORE, THERE ARE MANY INTERPRETATIONS OF THE WORD NORMALIZATION. I WOULD NOT FORECAST ANY TIMETABLE; I WOULD NOT FORECAST THAT IT IS A MATTER OF TIME. I DO NOT THINK THAT IT IS A MATTER OF TIME. I THINK THAT THERE IS NO TIMETABLE THAT HAS BEEN

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ESTABLISHED, BUT I THINK THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE THAT THERE IS A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM THAT EXISTS.

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WE ARE NOT, HOWEVER, GOING TO PLAY THE ROLE THAT HAS BEEN PLAYED BEFORE, OF POLICEMAN TO THE WORLD. WE WOULD RATHER PLAY THE ROLE OF LAWYER OR ATTORNEY, WHEN IT COMES TO THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A RULE OF LAW. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE THE BANKER, EITHER. WHEN I CAME TO THE PREMIER, I SAID THAT I REPRESENT, PART OF THE AREA I REPRESENT AND MR. BIAGGI REPRESENTS IS THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AND MAYBE I WAS COMING HERE FOR SOME FOREIGN AID FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK. YOU SEE, WE ARE HAVING VERY DIFFICULT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK RIGHT NOW.

QUESTION: YES, BUT WE CANNOT DENY THAT SOME AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE ON THIS OVER THE CHINA ISSUE. TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THE AGREEMENT REACHED NOW? THE TALKS ABOUT THE CHINA ISSUE.

WOLFF: THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION MADE. WE ARE STILL TALKING AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TALK.

QUESTION: WHAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED NOW?

WOLFF: THE ONLY AGREEMENT THAT I KNOW THAT HAS BEEN REACHED WAS REACHED BY MR. NIXON AT THE TIME HE ISSUED THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMED THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

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QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL OPPOSE THE BREAKING OF COMMUNICATION WITH TAIWAN AS THE PRICE TO RECOGNIZE PEKING?

WOLFF: I SHOULD THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE OF CHINA AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE HAVE NOT BEEN TREATIES THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE THAT IT HAS ABROGATED UNILATERALLY. AND THEREFORE, ON THAT BASIS... WELL YOU SHAKE YOUR HEAD...

QUESTION: WITH THE INDIANS.

WOLFF: WELL, MIGHT I SAY, BACK TO THE INDIANS -- THE INDIANS SOLD MANHATTAN TO US FOR \$24. THEY GOT A GOOD DEAL.

QUESTION: DOES THE CONGRESS THINK THAT THE BEST POLICY FOR THE U.S. TOWARD CHINA IS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS-QUO?

WOLFF: I DON'T THINK STATUS-QUO IS THE TERMINOLOGY THAT SHOULD BE USED. I THINK THAT THERE MUST BE PROGRESS. I THINK THAT IT IS GOOD FOR THE WORLD THAT THERE IS PROGRESS. THE FACT IS, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE OPERATING IN A CHANGING WORLD AND THE WORLD JUST DOESN'T STAND STILL. STATUS-QUO MAY NOT SUFFICE. AND THEREFORE THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM THAT EXISTS. I THANK YOU.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THE UNITED STATES WILL EVENTUALLY RECOGNIZE PEKING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA?

WOLFF: I DO NOT THINK THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ANYTHING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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